

The Raleigh Daily News.

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STATE MATTERS.

Our friends throughout the State will place us under obligations if they will furnish us with any items of news that may transpire in their respective sections, as we desire to make this department specially full.

A mad dog was killed near Enfield, Halifax county, last week.

Vigorous sanitary measures have been adopted in Wilmington.

Geo. W. OWENS, Esq., purposes building a manufacturing mill on Quenby Creek, near Halifax.

Frigid did considerable injury to the turpentine distillery of John A. Oates, at Faison, a day or two ago.

WILMINGTON was visited by refreshing showers of rain on Thursday afternoon and night.

CAPTAIN J. D. ANDREWS, of Lancaster county, South Carolina, died at Shelby on the 29th ult.

It is reported that Major J. M. Blair will have charge of the Sparkling Cawtaw Springs this summer.

It is contemplated to locate a passenger depot, for all the railroads centering at Charlotte, on Trade Street.

THERE are two murder cases to be tried at the next term of New Hanover Superior Court.

The warehouse of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, at Faison, was broken into last Saturday night.

The Odd Fellows of Wilmington have postponed their excursion, which was announced to have taken place to-day.

Two seamen at the hospital in Smithville, afflicted with small pox, are recovering, and fears of its spreading are not entertained.

During the absence of Judge Cantwell from Wilmington, William McLaurin, colored Justice of the Peace, attended to city cases.

Joseph T. Evans, Esq., of Weldon, will leave to day on a visit to Colorado, where, if he is pleased, he will move with his family.

A BLOODY occurred near Halifax on Sunday evening, in which two white men had their terribly cut be a negro in several places.

PRISONERS sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail, at the last term of Halifax Superior Court, are put to work on the streets of Halifax town.

The Conservative Convention of Cumberland county, which assembled in Fayetteville last Saturday, is said to have been the largest and most intelligent ever held at that place.

ROBERT REVELS, a negro confined in Cleveland county jail, acknowledges his complicity in the robbery of Daniel Hicks, in 1870, and implicates his master, Thomas Williams and Newson Hopper as his accomplices.

THE cars on the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad ran over a negro who was lying on the track, near Shoe Heel on Tuesday. The negro had been drinking too much. Every effort was made to check the engine, but in vain.

THE first number of the *Monitor*, published at Magnolia, is on our table. W. H. Haneford is proprietor, Starkey T. Gordon, Editor, and H. C. Moore, Associate. It is a neat sheet, and declare its adherence to the principles of the Democratic party. We extend our best wishes to this new candidate for public favor.

The *Wilmington Journal* says there are three rumors in that city in regard to rail road changes. The first is that that portion of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta rail road, between Columbia and Augusta, is to be detached and annexed to the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta rail road, making an unbroken line from Wilmington to Augusta, and that Hon. R. R. Bridgers is to be President. The second is that arrangements will soon be made to convey passengers from Wilmington to Baltimore without change of cars, and the third is that, at no distant day, the same cars will be run through to New York in 24 hours.

A SOUTHERN SWINDLER PLAYING HIS TRADE ON AN IMPERIAL FAMILY Caught and Caged.

A distinguished confidence man, claiming to be an American, has been operating in Europe, and those who knew him in this country will be glad to learn that he has met with the success he deserved, reaping the reward of an industrious pursuit of his vocation in the shape of a sentence to six years at hard labor in an Austrian prison.

The name assumed by the gentleman was Colonel Estyan, and the little game at which he was caught was an attempt to swindle the Imperial family of Austria out of \$25,000 for alleged services rendered to the late Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. Ingeniously-fabricated documentary evidence was produced in support of his claim, and at first his pretensions were accepted in Vienna as well founded. But a strict scrutiny of the evidence he offered demonstrated the fact that he was an imposter, and he was dealt with accordingly.—Colonel Estyan became only too well known to the people of the South during the late war. He made Richmond his headquarters, and thence extended his operations in various directions, frequently representing himself as chief of the staff of General Wise, and as authorized to collect hospital and other stores for the Wise Legion.

The ladies of Wilmington, N. C., will probably collect him, as they intrusted to his care several thousand dollars' worth of clothing, old wines and other supplies for the soldiers, which he disposed of for his own benefit. He also raised a sum of money under pretense of establishing a sword factory. He issued a book called, "War Pictures," of which he claimed the authorship, but which was probably issued by some one else. He was well known in this city, passing himself off here as the confidential agent of Maximilian, and finding plenty of people to credit his pretensions. It is said his real name is Bussy, and that his original occupation was that of a courier. It would probably be difficult to ascertain in what country he was born.—*New York Sun*.

Gold Mining Beneath the Sea.

The *Alta California* says that the Pacific Submarine Exploring Company of New York is about to employ the kind of diving bell, so successfully used at Hell Gate, for the collection of gold sand off the California coast. It is well known that at and off Gold Bluff, on the northern shores of California, the sea beach has extensive ranges of golden sands, which are producing no small amount of gold, remarkable for its purity. The sand is black and contains titaniferous iron and visible particles of gold. There was a rush some years ago to these new diggings, which failed because they fell short of extravagant expectations. The gold was there and provokingly visible. But the tide was great and the period of low too short for working.

Then the wet sand had to be carted over roads of dry sand and up the cliffs, and thence miles to water for washing out the gold in a crude way. This kind of work does not suit the crowd who rush to new places expecting to toil little and pick up much. As usual, the back rush reported unfavorably, and ever since, people only remember the abandonment. It was found that the sands grew richer the further the breakers penetrated, and the lifeboats that sounded in six or ten fathoms beyond found the sandy bottom still richer in gold of remarkable brightness. It seemed as if the gold washed upon the beach came from the submarine banks, but it was deemed impracticable to realize the riches covered by such a depth of moving waters. Now, it is believed that this diving bell will place the gold within the reach of the searchers.

Novel System of Blackmail.

M. Franqueuse Sarey, writing in the *Excuse Séciale*, mentions an almost incredible ruse. The Lyons Communists, being fully convinced that money is the sinew of insurrection as well as of war, are said to have hit upon a plan for filling their coffers with little trouble to themselves and at the expense of their enemies, the middle classes. They offer to the members of some of the most important houses of business in Lyons, to insure their property against all damage of destruction by fire in case of a successful Red rising, in return for a stipulated monthly payment.

Not only have many of the Lyons merchants submitted to this novel system of blackmail, but some of them pay as much as \$200 a year for this newly-invented insurance against petroleum. The ingenuity of the Rue Grise Communists, however, did not stop at obtaining blackmail from their enemies, the rich bourgeois. They have now made it a condition that all who were under their protection shall vote at the municipal elections as the famous committee shall direct. To prevent mistakes, the unfortunate bourgeois are required to show their voting papers to a Communist agent just before dropping them into the urn, and to carry them openly displayed, so that there may be no possibility of their voting for other than the "Red" candidates.—*Exchange*.

A MEMPHIS MYSTERY—SEVENTEEN SKELETONS EXHUMED.—In the *Academy* of a recent date appeared an account of the finding of four fleshless, blackened skeletons in a very old vault in the rear of what was once known as the Shelby House, on Shelby street, near Gayoso. The skeletons were found by some workmen engaged in excavating a cellar on the corner of the streets above mentioned. Since then

THIRTEEN SKELETONS MORE have been found, making seventeen in all that have been taken from this reeking, unchristened tomb for murdered men's bones. That the bones found are those of murdered men, there can be no doubt, as the Shelby House, in former years, was the abode of the lowest and most vicious of the human race. The number of dark deeds of blood that have been consummated in this house and adjoining quarters no man can tell. All the bones as yet discovered present the same hideous, blackened sight, the effect of the acids and gases by which they were surrounded. The fact that all the skeletons discovered were contiguous to the same spot, precludes the idea that they were ever deposited there by the rights of Christian burial.

CHARLES F. WILDER committed suicide on Norfolk on Saturday evening by taking laudanum. He stated in a letter to his relatives that he had contracted a habit of drinking liquor, which he could not overcome, and that rather than bring disgrace upon them he would die.

The Odd Fellows of Norfolk, Va., purpose having a grand celebration on the 4th or 5th, in commemoration of the laying of the corner stone of Odd Fellows Hall, in the year 1854.

A notification published in the Turkish newspapers stated that, in consequence of the increased revenue derived from the tobacco monopoly, the deficit in the budget is now £500,000.

The Democrats of Cumberland county hold a Fair on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Tucker Hall.

On Thursday there will be prepared a DINNER, to be served between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. The dinner will be offered, embracing all the delicacies of the season—chloe meats and viands, ice-cream, sherbet, cake, &c., &c.

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FOR SALE.

WARRENTON HOTEL FOR SALE.

In consequence of old age and infirm being unable to care for the hotel, I have resolved to sell the above property. It is located in the town of Warrenton, Warren County, N. C. The hotel contains 12 rooms, 1000 square feet of floor space, and can accommodate from 50 to 75 guests comfortably. It is the only public house in the village. Warrenton is celebrated for its health and schools. There are four churches of different denominations in the village, and it has been for many years a favorite resort of persons from the surrounding country. The property will be sold lower than any public house of the kind ever offered to the public. It is deemed useless to give a particular description of the property, as a person desiring to purchase it will come and examine the premises. I am determined to sell.

LANDS FOR SALE.

Pursuant to a decree of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, made at the January term, 1871, the undersigned offer for sale the

VALUABLE LANDS

belonging to the estate of the late Thomas P. Devereux, of Halifax county. The said lands, by estimation,

ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED ACRES IN TYRRELL COUNTY.

TERMS: One-fourth cash, remainder one, two and one-half years. Title retained until purchase is made.

The lands will be sold in small or large parcels, or in a body to suit purchasers, parties desiring to purchase will call on the undersigned.

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